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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER MANLEY

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. ON AUGUST 6, AMB YOUNG'S SCHEDULED "GET ACQUAINTED" MEETING WITH JAMAICAN PM MANLEY LASTED TWO HOURS AND TURNED INTO THE MOST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING OF THE VISIT. AMONG THE WIDE RANGE OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES WHICH WERE DISCUSSED WERE THE FOLLOWING: PANAMA CANAL AND THE BUILDING OF A SEA LEVEL CANAL, BLACK LEADERSHIP AND THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, IMF CONDITIONS FOR LOAN TO JAMAICA, JAMAICAN YOUTH AND PNP RADICALS, DEVELOPMENT IN JAMAICA AND PM MANLEY'S ADMIRATION FOR THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. IN CONCLUDING THE TALKS, PM MANLEY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT A VISIT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. HE IS ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS
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WITH THE US BUT IS DETERMINED THAT JAMAICA EXPERIMENT FREELY WITH MODELS OF DEVELOPMENT. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE POWERFUL MULTINATIONALS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE PROPOSED FIFTEEN-MINUTE PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER MANLEY EXTENDED AT HIS INSISTENCE TO ALMOST TWO HOURS. COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF BILATERAL AND PERSONAL CONCERNS: BOGOTA MEETING ON

PANAMA CANAL TREATY, PNP DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, REACTION TO PNP MEETING AND JLP MEETING, MEETINGS WITH NKOMO ANDSGYERERE ON AFRICA.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER BEGAN BY REPORTING ON BOGOTA MEETING OF CARIBBEAN LEADERS ON PANAMA CANAL TREATY. HE STATED THAT TORRIJOS HAD SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THE US RIGHT TO BUILD A SEA-LEVEL CANAL. VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ AND MANLEY AGREED THAT THIS WAS NEEDED BY US IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH RIGHT WING OPPOSITION TO ANY NEW TREATY AND ENCOURAGED FORMULATION OF LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD GRANT OPTION TO NEW CANALA BUT NOT ABROGATE SOVEREIGNTY OF PANAMA.

4. MANLEY THEN RAISED QUESTION OF PROBLEMS FROM LEFT AND BLACKS IN US. I ASSURED HIM THAT PRESS REPORTS OF CONFLICT WITH BLACK LEADERSHIP WERE NOT SERIOUS AND THAT PERSONAL TIES REMAINED STRONG. I TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM PM OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S FISCAL AND BUREAUCRATIC DISCIPLINES AS A MEANS OF RESTORING THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE PM HAD BEEN VERY DISTURBED ABOUT IMP CONDITIONS ON JAMAICA AND I TRIED TO ASSURE HIM THAT USG ACCEPTED SIMILAR RESTRAINTS ON SPENDING AS MEANS OF CONTROLLING INFLATION.

5. MANLEY STATED THAT THERE WERE PRESSURES ON HIS LEFT TO REJECT IMF CONDITIONS. HE SPOKE OF HIS NEED TO RALLY THE PARTY ESTABLISHMENT TO BALANCE OFF THE YOUTH.

6. I JOKINGLY REFERRED TO THE MEETING OF THE PREVIOUS DAY WITH PARTY LEADERSHIP - INCLUDING YOUTH - AND THE FACT THAT FOREIGN
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MINISTER PATTERSON HAD THROWN ME TO THE WOLVES AND LEFT ME TO CONFRONT ALL THE PARTY IDEOLOGUES. THE PM THEN RESPONDED THAT HE HAD VERY POSITIVE REPORTS OF THE CONFRONTATION AND THAT HE WAS GLAD THAT I HAD HELD MY OWN WHEN ATTACKED BUT ALSO PROUD OF HIS YOUTH THAT THEY WERE SO ARTICULATE IN THEIR VIEWPOINTS. MANLEY THEN BEGAN A LONG EXPLANATION OF HIS ANALYSIS OF JAMAICA POLITICS.

7. IN 1969 BLACK POWER HAD BEEN EXPORTED FROM THE US, AND JAMAICA YOUTH WERE DEVELOPING A STRANGE BLEND OF RACISM, COMMUNISM AND ANARCHISM. BOTH PARTIES REPRESENTED SMALL EDUCATED ELITE WITH NO CONTACT WITH YOUTH OR IMPOVERISHED WORKERS WHO REPRESENTED GREAT MAJORITY OF THE ISLAND POPULATION.

8. MANLEY MADE CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF SITUATION AND DETERMINED THAT YOUTH WOULD REVITALIZE PARTY, PROVIDE LINK TO THE MASSES AND PRODUCE TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP WHILE THEY WOULD PROVIDE FRAMEWORK AND DISCIPLINE FOR THE YOUTH OF NATION. THE ELECTION OF PAUL BURKE, BRILLIANT BUT DISCIPLINED LEFTIST IDEOLOGUE, AS YOUTH PARTY CHAIRMAN CONFIRMED MANLEY'S STRATEGY. OUTSIDE THE PARTY, THEY WOULD BE DESTRUCTIVE BUT NOW THEY PROVIDE DYNAMISM FOR CHANGE.

9. MANLEY THEN REFERRED TO HIMSELF AS MERELY A TRANSITIONAL FIGURE

IN JAMAICAN POLITICS. HE WAS TRAINED AS SOCIALIST, STUDYING WITH LASKY, BEATEN AND JAILED ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE SUGAR WORKERS, BUT EVEN IF HE LIVED IN RUSSIA HE COULD NOT BE A COMMUNIST. HOWEVER, HE VIEWED PUERTO RICO AS A FAILURE OF CAPITALISM TO PROVIDE FOR PEOPLE SIMILAR TO JAMAICA AND IS DETERMINED TO SEARCH FOR A MIDDLE COURSE OF DEVELOPMENT WHICH SUITED JAMAICAN CONDITIONS.

10. HE THEN SPOKE OF SEVERAL REFORM ATTEMPTS FOR RURAL WORKERS AND JOINT-VENTURE IN URBAN HOUSING WITH BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA. I EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SUCH A COURSE COULD BE DANGEROUS IF LEFTIST YOUTH WORKED AGAINST PRIVATE SECTOR WHILE THE OPPOSITION PARTY JLP SOUGHT TO DISTORT REFORMS AS COMMUNIST. JAMAICA WOULD CERTAINLY NEED STRONG INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT.

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11. MANLEY REFERRED TO CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH TRUDEAU AND KISSINGER AS ATTEMPTS TO GAIN SUCH INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. TRUDEAU CONTINUES TO BE SUPPORTIVE BUT KISSINGER RESENTED THE JAMAICAN ALIGNMENT WITH AFRICANS ON QUESTION OF ANGOLA. HE DISCUSSED HIS POSITION WITH KISSINGER BUT BACKED CUBAN INTERVENTION ONLY AS ALTERNATIVE TO SOUTH AFRICA. THIS BEGAN THE "FLOOD OF PRESS ATTACKS" AGAINST HIM. (PREVIOUSLY HE HAS REFERRED TO THESE EVENTS AS A CIA DESTABILIZATION EFFORT BUT MADE NO MENTION OF THIS IN THESE TALKS.)

12. MANLEY HAS RECENTLY ENTERTAINED JOSHUA NKOMO - WHOM I WILL MEET IN GUYANA. HE WAS ANXIOUS TO KNOW OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S RESPONSE TO NYERERE'S ANALYSIS OF THE RHODESIAN SITUATION. HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO HEAR OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE QUESTION OF ONE ARMY AND THE UN INVOLVEMENT. NYERERE IS EN ROUTE TO JAMAICA AND MANLEY WILL REINFORCE HIS COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH QM ON THESE ISSUES.

13. MANLEY IS VERY ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE US BUT IS DETERMINED THAT JAMAICA EXPERIMENT FREELY WITH MODELS OF DEVELOPMENT. HE HAS GREAT ADMIRATION FOR THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION BUT EXPRESSED FEAR OF THE POWER OF MULTINATIONALS. HE SEES JAMAICA'S SALVATION ONLY IN THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY AND THEREFORE GIVES MAJOR EMPHASIS TO THE UN AND THE INTERNATIONAL AGENDA.

14. IN CONCLUDING OUR TALKS, HE EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THIS VISIT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. I SUGGESTED THAT MANLEY ALSO PLAN TO MEET WITH AFL-CIO OFFICIALS IN VIEW OF HIS TRADE UNION BACKGROUND. MANLEY AND MANLEY'S FATHER WERE FRIENDS IN EARLY DAYS OF JAMAICA LABOR MOVEMENT.

15. RECOMMENDATION: MRS MANLEY IS A KEY POWER IN THE JAMAICAN POLITICAL SCENE, AND WOMEN PLAY A VITAL ROLE AT EVERY LEVEL. THEY WERE IMPRESSED BY MRS CARTER'S PERFORMANCE ON ISSUES IN HER VISIT
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AND APPRECIATED HER ACTIVE POLITICAL ROLE AS FIRST LADY. IT WOULD
BE VERY GOOD TO INCLUDE MRS MANLEY AND MRS CARTER IN ANY TALKS OR
WORKING LUNCHEONS.

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